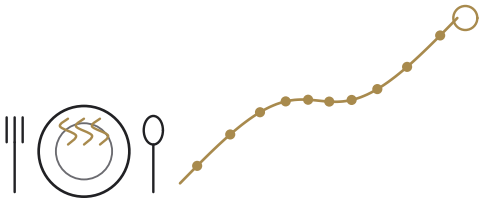
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7-Day Post-Meal Walk Log



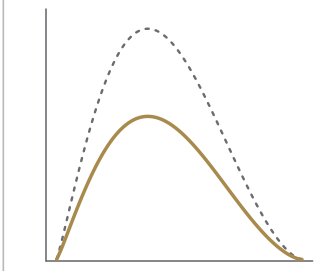
An easy 10-minute walk after a meal, and a place to notice what happens.

What this is

This is a seven-day experiment you run on yourself. After one meal each day you take an easy 10-minute walk, then write down when you started, how long you walked and what you noticed. In short studies, a light walk soon after eating lowered the rise in blood glucose compared with sitting. Whether a daily habit changes long-term health has not been shown, so this log is simply a way to notice what the habit is like for you, with no pressure to get a result.

The 10-minute practice

1. Pick one meal a day and use the same one all week if you can. Many people start with dinner.
2. Start soon after you finish eating. Right away is fine if it feels comfortable.
3. Walk for 10 minutes at an easy pace, one where you could talk in full sentences. A hallway, the block or a treadmill all count.
4. If you feel very full or uncomfortable, slow down or shorten the walk. Stop if you feel unwell.
5. Finish with a few easy breaths, then fill in that day's card.



sitting (dotted)
light walk (gold)

Safety note

If you have diabetes or take glucose-lowering medicine (including insulin), check with your clinician before changing your activity, because activity can change how your medicine works for you. Ask first too if you have heart, joint or balance concerns, are pregnant, or have been told to limit activity. Walk only at a comfortable pace. Stop and rest if you feel dizzy, faint, shaky, short of breath, nauseated or in pain, and get urgent help for anything severe. This is education, not medical advice.

How to log

- ☐ Tick the meal, then write the minutes between finishing and starting, and the minutes you walked.
- ☐ Circle how you felt before and after, from 1 (heavy, sluggish) to 5 (light, comfortable).
- ☐ Write one honest sentence. If nothing changed, write that. It is useful information too.
- ☐ If you track glucose, add readings to the notes. Never change medicine because of this log.

Your 7-day log

Days 1 to 4. Feeling scale: 1 heavy or sluggish, 5 light and comfortable.

Day 1 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Day 2 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Day 3 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Day 4 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Your 7-day log

Days 5 to 7, then a look back. Feeling scale: 1 heavy or sluggish, 5 light and comfortable.

Day 5 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Day 6 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

Day 7 Date _____ Meal: ☐ breakfast ☐ lunch ☐ dinner

Minutes from meal to walk _____ Minutes walked _____ Pace: ☐ easy ☐ brisk

Before (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) After (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

What I noticed: _____

After seven days

Did anything feel different before and after the walk, on most days?

Was a 10-minute walk after eating easy or hard to fit in? What got in the way?

Would I keep this in my routine? Yes / No / Maybe. What would I change?

Reflect, then check the evidence

Prompts for your notes, and what the research does and does not show.

Reflection prompts

Which meal and which time of day worked best for me, and why?

What did I notice in my body and mind during and after the walks?

What would make this easier to keep doing, or not worth doing?

Evidence at a glance

ESTABLISHED	Contracting muscle takes up glucose from the blood: the GLUT4 transporter moves to the muscle-cell surface during contraction. [1]
ESTABLISHED	Pooled analysis (7 trials, mostly adults with overweight or obesity): light walking breaks lowered post-meal glucose versus continued sitting. One-day studies. [2]
ESTABLISHED	8 crossover trials, 116 adults: exercise after a meal beat no exercise and pre-meal exercise for post-meal glucose. All rated high risk of bias. [3]
EMERGING	41 adults with type 2 diabetes: 10-minute walks after each meal gave a roughly 12% smaller post-meal glucose rise than one 30-minute walk. [4]
EMERGING	12 healthy young adults: a 10-minute walk right after a 75 g glucose drink gave a lower peak (164 vs 182 mg/dL) than rest. Not a mixed meal. [5]
SPECULATIVE	That a daily post-meal walk changes long-term outcomes. These studies tracked glucose over hours or weeks, not outcomes such as diabetes risk. [2,3]

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